

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claims 12-19 are pending in the instant application. Claim 14 has been amended herein to correct minor typographical errors. Additionally, Claims 14-19 have been amended herein to correct the claim from which they depend. No new matter has been added.

Restriction/Election

The Office Action alleges that the claims recite various immunostimulatory oligonucleotide compounds having different structures that lead to different functions. Although Applicants agree with the Examiner that the claimed formula encompasses various oligonucleotide compounds, compounds embraced by the generic formula would be immunostimulatory. Applicants do not understand the Examiner's position with regards to the structure/function relationship. However, solely in an effort to further prosecution, Applicants elect Oligo # 2 (SEQ ID NO: 2) as disclosed in Example 2.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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